

RUSSIA HOLDS GALICIA FRONT, SLAVS ASSERT

Regrouping of Forces, Giving Foe New Ground, Basis of German Victory Claim.

Tentons Gained Slightly During Slav Realignment, Petrograd Concedes, But Lost Territory Recovered—Czar Strong on Dunajec.

Hostile Advance Into Baltic Provinces Characterized as "Comic Opera" Campaign—Berlin Celebrates Galicia Triumph—Allies Repulse Attacks at Ypres.

Berlin magnifies and Petrograd minimizes operations of the present week in Western Galicia. The German capital is en fete to celebrate the victory officially announced yesterday and experts reckon that the Muscovite line has been pushed back 50 miles from the Dunajec. Unofficial reports set the Czar's loss at 100,000 men.

The Russian War Office concedes gains of territory by the defenders, owing to a regrouping of forces, but denies emphatically any large-scale Galician victory such as that announced by the enemy. The hostile advance into the Czar's Baltic provinces is characterized as a "comic opera."

German attacks on the British positions northeast of Ypres and on the French lines at Le Pierre were repulsed, according to official reports from Paris.

SLAVS DENY GALICIA DEFEAT; ADMIT REGROUPING FORCES

German Baltic Advance "Comic Opera" Campaign.
PETROGRAD, May 4.—Austro-German claims of a great victory in western Galicia were denied by the Russian War Office today. It was stated that the recent offensive undertaken on Page Four, Column Three

THE WEATHER



The weather today is unspokeable. We were almost sure of it when we arrived at work this morning, but we were polished about it a short time later. Didn't you see, it was unspokeable. We were sure of it when we called up on the phone.

"It is unspokeable," she said, "and that means you can't talk about it. So you had no excuse at all for not talking to me, now, have you?"

"Oh, do do it again," she urged. "Write about me, I mean. It's such fun. We had not expected that, quite. In fact, we remonstrated that this space was for the weather and that we might lose our job and all that sort of thing. It was all of no use."

"They won't mind just once more," she said. "Just think of all those people reading about me and not knowing it. It's just like you don't. You care more for them than that horrid old business, don't you?"

"It's an awful situation. We don't know how we are going to come out of it. But we are going to stick to it."

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Bastled tonight with probable showers; Wednesday fair; moderate winds becoming northwest.

Observations at Philadelphia 5 A. M.

On the Pacific Coast
Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

The Tides

On the Pacific Coast

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WOMEN SMASH WINDOWS IN RUSH ON CROWN TRADING STAMP STORE



This was the scene in front of the Crown Stamp Company's store, at 1007-09 Arch street, today, when hundreds of women disregarded the rain and charged the store entrance in their anxiety to redeem their stamp books before the company winds up its business.

WASHINGTON INCLINES TO BELIEF GULFLIGHT WAS VICTIM OF MINE

Receipt of 'Something New' Regarding Disaster to American Ship Off Scilly Isles Admitted by State Department.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—That "something new" had been received concerning the American tanker Gulflight, which met disaster off the Scilly Isles, was admitted by a State Department official today.

The "something" was a message, which was being manifested for the various departments' use.

The belief was growing that the Gulf-light was not torpedoed but hit a mine.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The United States has not yet formulated any policy regarding the attack on the American oil ship Gulflight and will not do so until the facts have been established from every angle, President Wilson today told his cabinet.

Consul Stephens, at Plymouth, today sent to the State Department a brief dispatch in response to Secretary Bryan's call for a full report on the Gulflight attack.

BRITISH SHIP BLOWN UP; TWO OF CREW KILLED

LONDON, May 4.—The number of ships torpedoed by German submarines in the 48 hours between Saturday evening and Monday evening was increased to 19 today, when it became known that the British steamship Minterne had been blown up off the Scilly Islands Monday.

Man Kills Himself and Child

NEW YORK, May 4.—Brooding over ill health and despondent because physicians had ordered him to go to a sanitarium, Thomas Smith, 30 years old, shot and killed his 2-year-old child as it lay sleeping today and then committed suicide by firing a bullet into his head.

ITALY BELIEVES WAR AT HAND; PROPOSALS OF VIENNA REJECTED

Messengers Reported on Way to Germany and Austria Bearing Demands That Rome Will Accept for Neutrality.

ROME, May 4.—The most intense excitement pervaded the city today with rumors that Austria's final word had been delivered yesterday to Foreign Minister Sonnino and had been regarded as unacceptable by the Cabinet Council.

As lending color to the belief that a crisis has been reached it was announced today that the King and his Ministers had abandoned their plan to attend the unveiling of a monument to commemorate the achievements of Garibaldi's volunteers at Quarto Sant Elena tomorrow.

The newspaper Messaggero asserts today that, following an all-night conference Sunday, the Austrian Embassy dispatched messengers yesterday to Vienna and Berlin. The Messaggero says these bear minimum demands consistent with Italy's neutrality which the Austrian Envoy has threatened out after conference.

ALARMIST REPORTS CONTINUE TO BE CIRCULATED, ALTHOUGH THE CITY WAS SLIGHTLY CALMER TODAY. One rumor had it that Prince von Buelow had submitted fresh proposals to Foreign Minister Sonnino today, but this was regarded as unlikely.

LIBERTY BELL CLAPPER GONE; REPLACED BY STEEL SUPPORT

Evasive Replies After Discovery of Its Absence Starts Rumors of Theft by Souvenir Hunter—New Device Is Intended to Strengthen It for Trip.

The clapper of the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall has disappeared and the mysterious reticence of Curator Wilfred Jordan when asked about it today gave rise to vague rumors that it had been stolen.

Later it was learned from Chief Ball, of the Bureau of City Property, that the clapper was taken out to make room for a "spider" of structural steel that is expected to keep the famous old relic from falling apart on its long trip to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The clapper, a large ball of bronze suspended from a short shaft, was taken out a few days ago. Visitors noticed that it was gone, but it was not until today that a woman, familiar with the appearance of the bell, called attention to its disappearance. The uniformed guard in Independence Hall at first refused to talk about it. Finally he admitted having

BASEBALL GAMBLERS GET BIG POOL PROFITS; POLICE HOT ON TRAIL

Fifty or Seventy-five Lotteries on Outcome of Games Yield Leaders "Rake-off" of \$300,000 to \$500,000 a Season.

The annual battle of wits between the City Hall sleuths and the Will-o-the-wisp "get-rich-quick" men that manage baseball pools is now on. Director George D. Porter, of the Department of Public Safety, admitted it today.

Detectives believe there are between 50 and 75 pools operating in this city. It has been shown that the leaders make profits that should total between \$200,000 and \$500,000 in this city alone for the season.

Mindful of the arrest and imprisonment of "English Tom," former leader of the baseball pools, in 1913, these gamblers have gone to amazing lengths to keep their identity secret even from the distributors of their cards. They have no headquarters, unless a street corner or the lining of a hat can be called a headquarters, and they are all nameless.

The "officials" are always "just around the corner," but "just around the corner" is like one of those tomorrows that never comes. Here is the way the organized gambling in baseball games is worked in one of the clubs here.

SHORE JOY RIDERS IN PLUNGE OF DEATH

Girl Drowns as Police Come, While Three Companions Swim to Shore.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 4.—A young woman was drowned and three companions narrowly escaped death early today when a six-cylinder touring car plunged over an 18-inch coping on Harrisburg avenue, in front of the Thoroughfare.

PLATE GLASS SMASHED BY FRENZIED WOMEN IN CROWN STAMP RUSH

3000 in Frantic Fight to Get Premiums After Acme Tea Company Announces Its Subsidiary Will Go Out of Business.

QUICK NEWS

WOULD DISMISS DOCTOR RICHMOND

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania has recommended that Bishop Rhinelander sever the pastoral relations between the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond and the St. John's Church, Brown street near 3d, according to announcement made by the Rev. J. De Wolf Perry, chairman of that committee, in his annual report read before the Diocesan Convention at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13 street below Walnut.

PHILADELPHIA GIRL TO WED PRINCE

A marriage license was issued in New York today for Miss Ruth Morgan Waters, of Philadelphia, New York and Newport, and Prince Ludovic Fignatelli, Prince of Arragon and Cavandish. The Prince's wooing was opposed by the young woman's parents.

LYE CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH AFTER TWO YEARS

Eating lye two years ago caused the death of 24-year-old Edna Wise, 2178 East York street, on April 27, it developed at a Coroner's inquest held this afternoon. The child crawled across the floor while her mother was washing clothes, and turned over a can of lye, it was testified. She ate some of it, and although she received treatment immediately, she suffered ever since. Her oesophagus contracted, making it difficult for her to eat. For several weeks before her death, which occurred in St. Christopher's Hospital, she could eat no solid food and had to be fed artificially. Starvation resulted and contributed to the cause of her death.

BABY FATALLY BURNED AFTER FIRST WALK

Lucilla Minna, one year old, 4930 Thompson street, who had just learned to walk, died today of burns received at a bonfire during her first stroll. Lucilla was so overjoyed at being able to use her legs that she strayed away from her mother last Tuesday and joined some boys making a fire in a vacant lot. When her skirts caught fire the boys fled and she was ablaze from head to foot when her mother found her. The parents refused to let the child be taken to a hospital and had her treated by a nearby physician.

FULL CREW REPEALER REPORTED IN THE SENATE

HARRISBURG, May 4.—The Senate Railroad Committee today decided by a vote of 7 to 6 to report out the repealer of the full crew act, already passed by the House.

KING GUSTAF WARNS SWEDES AGAINST WAR

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 4.—Speaking at a banquet here today on the occasion of the launching of a new warship, King Gustaf warned the people that the danger that Sweden may be drawn into the war has by no means diminished. "So far we have been able to keep out of the struggle," he said. "It is my sincere hope that, with the aid of the Almighty, we may remain at peace with all nations, but the danger that we may be drawn in is no means less than at the outbreak of the war."

GERMAN WARSHIP SHELLS FINLAND LIGHTHOUSE

COPENHAGEN, May 4.—A German warship has shelled and set on fire the Lagerke Lighthouse, on one of the Aland Islands at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia, according to a dispatch received today from Stockholm. A general German attack is expected on the coast of Finland in the northern part of the Gulf of Bothnia, it adds.

NATIONAL BANKS ORDERED TO REPORT CONDITION

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business May 1.

PHILADELPHIANS' YACHTS PASS CANAL

The yachts Allegro and Junia, owned by Colonel James Elverson, Jr., and George W. Elkins, respectively, passed through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal today, bound for Washington, D. C. On board Colonel Elverson's yacht were Herbert C. Carpenter, Ed E. Smith, of this city, and P. V. Seston, of New York. Mr. Elkins had as his guests District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan, William F. Brown, James G. Lindsey and W. D. Downing, of this city, and Steven Peabody, of New York.

DRY FORCES WIN THREE MINNESOTA COUNTIES

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 4.—The "dry" forces won three counties in yesterday's option elections, sounding the death knell for saloons in Chicago, Lac Qui Parle and Isanti Counties.

ALLIES' AIRMEN BOMBARD GERMAN'S IN BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—Airmen of the Allies are maintaining constant activity over Belgium, bombarding German concentration camps, artillery positions and railways. Another raid has been made over Bruges, where the railways were bombarded. Two aeroplanes, evidently British, flew over Knoeke and then continued along the coast at a very low altitude, dropping bombs upon the German batteries. Although subjected to a heavy fire from the German high-angle guns, both aeroplanes escaped toward the west.

GERMANS ARREST BRITISH SPIES IN PRIEST'S GARB

AMSTERDAM, May 4.—According to reports from German sources two English spies, disguised as priests, were arrested in Belgium Sunday. After compromising documents had been found upon them they were taken to Brussels, for trial. It is believed they will be executed immediately.

500,000 NEW MERCHANT MARINE TONNAGE

With the placing of the steamship Iris, which hails from this port, under the American flag today, the American merchant marine tonnage acquired since the outbreak of the war passed the half million mark. The tonnage of the Iris is 234,000 tons, of 500,000 gross tons, have been granted American registry under the emergency ship registry act of last August. The Sun Company owns the Iris.

TURKS' CAUCASUS OFFENSIVE REPULSED

PETROGRAD, May 4.—Caucasian headquarters report the repulse of Turkish attempts to resume the offensive in the direction of Artvin. There has been some fighting at other points, but the general situation is unchanged.

TWO NORSE STEAMSHIPS BURNING IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, May 4.—A Leith dispatch to the Star states that the captain of the Norwegian steamship Sernebo reported on arriving there that he had sighted two Norwegian steamships burning in the North Sea.

SUBMARINES ORDERED TO SINK ALL U. S. SHIPS, DUTCH REPORT

LONDON, May 4.—The Financial News today prints the following: "It is reported from a Dutch source that German submarines have been ordered to sink every American vessel sighted, especially passenger liners, without regard for loss of American life, in order to demonstrate the absolute impotence of the United States."

IMPORTERS ASKED TO FILE WAR LOSS CLAIMS

Local importers were notified today to file their claims on shipments of the American steamship Ogechee with the State Department. The vessel was seized by Great Britain last month while en route to New York from Bremen. The cargo has been landed at Sharpness, Eng. Affidavits attesting to the ownership of the goods must be sent with all claims.

HOT FIGHT ON AT POLLS IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, May 4.—With both the Republicans and Democrats claiming victory, Baltimore is voting today for Mayor and City Councilmen. Charles H. Heintzeman, the Republican candidate, said today he would win by a majority, while Mayor James H. Preston, who is the Democratic nominee by re-election, said he was confident of winning "by a large majority." There was a heavy early vote polled.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On Friday, a badge of the Fire Insurance Exchange, No. 12, was lost. The badge was found by Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa. If the holder will return this badge to Dr. Da Costa, at 2905 Walnut st., he will receive a reward.

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